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PATENT

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Title

STAB-IN CONNECTOR

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Examiner Chapman:

Enclosed is a proposed claim for consideration at our proposed telephone conference tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

It is patterned on claim 1 in U.S. Patent 7,661,236, a CIP of the subject parent application. You were the Primary Examiner in the '236 patent (copy of claims attached).

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In a stab-in connector on a cross beam in a suspended ceiling grid connection, a cantilevered locking latch that extends from a base in the connector, and is stabbed through a slot in a main beam to connect (1) to an opposing cross beam and (2) to the main beam, the improvement comprising

a locking latch that is cantilevered from the base in a curve before extending in straight line fashion, whereby contact of the latch with a side of the slot is delayed as the connector is stabbed through the slot, wherein such delay permits the connector to be adjusted vertically within the slot without being forced against a connector already in the slot, on an opposing cross beam.